The Office of Technology Transfer & Intellectual Property Development at Tulane serves as a pipeline between faculty and student innovations and the marketplace. Director John Christie (B '03) heads the office, which consists of three licensing professionals who work closely with researchers to develop patentable prototypes suitable for commercial distribution. To help cultivate inventions, the office helped initiate MakerSpace at Tulane (see the Gallery, on page 11) and the Novel Tech Challenge, a competition for students.

**In That Number**

- **Tech Transfer & Intellectual Property**
- **4,100**
  
  MakerSpace is a **4,100-square-foot** student-run workshop on the uptown campus. It has laser cutters, 3-D printers and other design tools and is open to the Tulane community.
- **12**
  
  In 2016, **12 licenses** for Tulane technology and intellectual property were executed.
- **15 minutes**
  
  In **15 minutes**, a device developed by a Tulane researcher can detect an Ebola virus infection. (Lab-based diagnostics for the virus formerly took four hours.) The Office of Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Development facilitated Food and Drug Administration and World Health Organization approval for the device.
- **$6,970,933**

Since 2012, Tulane has received **$6,970,933 in federal research support** to develop prototypes for inventions.